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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA AND US-CUBAN RELATIONS

1. BOTH ZAMBIA DAILIES APRIL 23 HEADLINE PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON DIRECTLY TO HAVANA AS UNPRECEDENTED FOR FOREIGN HEAD OF STATE SINCE US-CUBAN "COLD WAR" BEGAN IN EARLY SIXTIES. SOURCES IN ZAMBIAN DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT ARE ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING FLIGHT MIGHT PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THAWING OF US-CUBAN RELATIONS AND THAT SECY KISSINGER MAY HAVE GIVEN ZAMBIAN FONMIN MWAANGA COFIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR FIDEL CASTRO. MWAANGA, HOWEVER, REFUSED TO CONFIRM OR COMMENT ON THIS REPORT.

2. PRESS REPORTS CUBAN RECEPTION FOR KAUNDA AND AWARD TO ZAMBIAN LEADER OF HIGH CUBAN DECORATION. KAUNDA QUOTED AS SAYING ZAMBIANS HAVE "GREAT ADMIRATION" FOR ROLE CUBA IS PLAYING IN CARIBBEAN AND ITS "FORGING AHEAD IN ITS FLIGHT FOR THISE STILL UNDER YOKE OF IMPERIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, AND OTHER SOCIAL EVILS."
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